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AND MUNICIPAL CODE INFORMATION

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OLD TOWN DAYS CELEBRATION ~ JUNE 14 - JUNE 15, 2014

Old Town Days celebration will be Saturday,
June 14 & Sunday, June 15. This celebration
kicks off with the parade on Saturday at 10:00

A.M. The parade starts at First Street / Main
Street and proceeds South on Main to Yakima
Street (Pepp'rmint Stick).

Registration forms and additional information are available at City Hall or by logging on to stayinthegap.com—call Scott at 480.7636 for more information. After the parade come to Fullbright Park and enjoy great food, craft vendors, children's activities, live music, a Civil War Reenactment, Soccer Tournament, and so much more!



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FULLBRIGHT PARK

Soccer Tournament
June 14 ~ All day
June 15 ~ 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.
and Championship game @ 12:00 P.M.

Old Time Kid Games June 14 ~ 12:30 P.M. to 1:30 P.M. June 15 ~ 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Free outdoor concert featuring "Stone Road" - Bring your lawn chair or blanket June 14 ~ 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.



Civil War Reenactment ~ Full Battles June 14 ~ 11:30 A.M. & 3:00 P.M. June 15 ~ 11:00 A.M. & 2:00 P.M.

Civil War Reenactment ~ Camps Open June 14 ~ 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. June 15 ~ 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

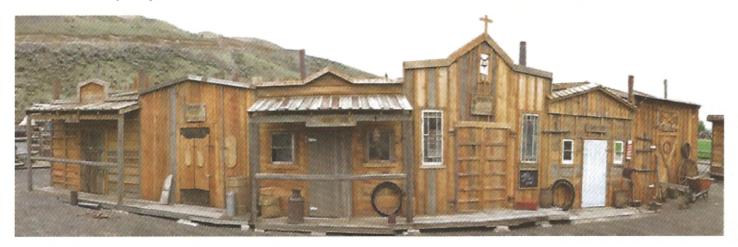
Civil War Era Dance June 14 ~ 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Open to the public; Victorian period dress suggested; live music by "Gone Fiddlin' Again"

Civil War re-enactors stop by the Valley Mall to thank General Manager Allie Stewart. Civil War re-enactors are a big part of Old Town Days.

Thank you Valley Mall for your generous sponsorship of Old Town Days!

CENTRAL WASHINGTON AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM

On Saturday, June 14, 2014, there will be free *People Wagon Tours* of the Central Washington Agricultural Museum all day long!! For more information please call 457.8735.





Free "People Wagon" rides are always a hit with the kids during Old Town Days.!

"Old Town" at the Central Washington Agricultural Museum is a "must see" for the whole family during Old Town Days.

REMEMBER.....all events are free so bring your family to this annual celebration of Union Gap.

We are the "Old Town" in the Valley!

SPECIAL "THANK YOU" TO THE SPONSORS OF OLD TOWN DAYS!

The City of Union Gap and the Old Town Days organizing committee sends a special "THANK YOU!" to all of our great sponsors. Sponsorship by local businesses helps keep Old Town Days FREE of charge for both residents, and tourists from out of town, who come to have fun at our annual celebration!

Valley Mall
Trucks Plus
Pacific CA Systems
Union Gap Transit
Old Town Station
Burrows Tractor
United Sales, Inc
Magic Metals
Paragon Films

Ray's Meats
Pepp'rmint Stick
Majors Restaurant
Pioneer Motel
Deb's Mobile Home Transfer
Al's Tile & Granite
Eagle Machine
State Highway Credit Union

Vibrant Health Foods (Mill Creek)

McDonald's

Picatti Brothers

Famous Dave's BBQ

Yakima Theaters

Pepsi

KAPP TV

KIMA TV

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

The <u>FREE</u> annual *Summer Youth Program* for children entering 2nd grade thru 8th grade begins June 23, 2014 and ends July 24, 2014 - Monday thru Friday - excluding July 4, 2014.

All children attending will enjoy Arts & Crafts and Recreational Games at Loudon Park; Monday through Thursday from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm; and swimming each Friday.

Registration forms will be sent home with all eligible students attending Union Gap School and Martin Luther School. King Additional registration forms can be obtained from City Hall, both schools and the city's website. If you have any questions, about the Summer Youth Program, please contact Sue @ 480.8581.



Children playing games and doing craft projects at Loudon Park.

SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

Union Gap School District announces the sponsorship of the <u>FREE</u> Summer Food Program for children 18 years and younger that reside in the City of Union Gap.

Meals will be served Monday through Friday beginning June 23rd through July 24th, with the exception of July 4th.

Breakfast is served from 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and lunch is served from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the school multi-purpose room.

Please contact Desi Reinmuth at 248-3966 extension 400 if you have any questions.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out is a community event held every year to promote a police-community partnership to help keep the community safe and prevent crime. Please come join the City of Union Gap Police Department and local businesses for a fun filled evening of FREE food, drinks, games and a free raffle! Everyone - come out and join us!!

Tuesday, August 5, 2014 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Loudon Park

(3rd Street, between Pine Street & Court Street)









A friendly game of tug of war.

MAIN STREET REVITALIZATION PROJECT ~ PUBLIC FORUM ~ JUNE 16, 2014

On Monday, June 16, 2014 everyone is invited to attend a Public Forum to roll out the Task Force recommendations.

Last December, the City Council hosted a kick-off meeting to begin the planning process to revitalize Main Street. During this meeting, participants were asked to volunteer to form a Task Force to shepherd the planning process. Comprised of business owners, city leaders, and residents; the Task Force has been reviewing preliminary design concepts. These design concepts include Improvements such as reconfiguring traffic lanes, wider sidewalks, pedestrian scale lighting, street trees and signalized crossings. The City Council is now asking local merchants, residents and business owners to weigh in on the Task Force's preliminary design recommendation for revitalizing Main Street.

The Public Forum is scheduled for Monday, June 16, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Spring Creek Homestead; 3213 Tacoma Street. Free appetizers and beverages will be served. Task Force Members, City Officials, Staff and the Consulting Team will be on hand to answer questions. Please plan on attending!



The original Main Street of Union Gap.

SECTION CONTINUES

TRANSIT PROVIDER TRANSITION

MEDSTAR is the City's new transit provider beginning Monday, June 30, 2014. The telephone number (509.574.8000) and the route schedule will remain the same. Welcome aboard! Always safe! Always free! Please feel free to call us if you have any questions or concerns.

VACANCY ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION

The City is looking for interested people to serve on the Planning Commission (1 vacancy). If you are interested, please send a letter of interest to: Mayor Roger Wentz; P.O. Box 3008; Union Gap, WA 98903

The <u>Planning Commission</u> is a board that meets to hear land-use applications and proposed code amendments then make a recommendation to the City Council for related ordinances. Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

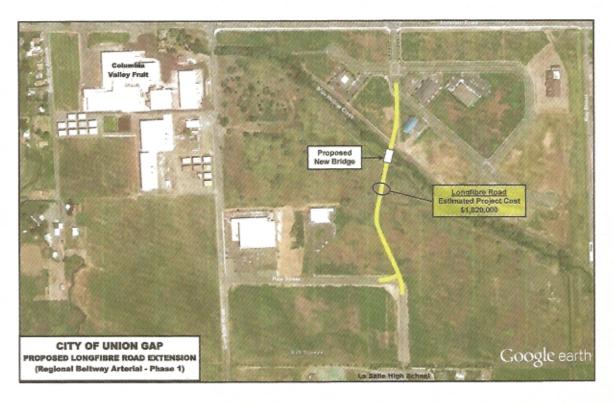


Mayor Roger Wentz at LaSalle High School's live science lab.

LONGFIBRE ROAD PROJECT

The City of Union Gap has been awarded a grant from the Supporting Investments in Economic Diversification (SIED) Board to extend Longfibre Road.

This project will construct a new roadway and bridge structure, which will extend Longfibre Road south of Ahtanum Road to Pine Street. The project will extend the roadway into an undeveloped area, which is



zoned as commercial and industrial. The proposed project, using SIED funds and private funds, is only Phase 1 of a much larger project known as the Regional Beltway Connector.

The total cost of the project will be approximately \$1,820,000 funded with a combination of SIED funds, city road funds, and private funds from property owners developing property made accessible by the road extension.

Preliminary engineering and environmental work will occur later this year and design engineering will be completed in 2015; construction is scheduled to begin in April 2016. Road improvements spark private investment. Watch for public announcements of new companies coming to the area and bringing needed jobs as the result of the city's investment in this road project.



Russell Crane employees tear down this dilapidated building to make room for new soccer fields at the Ahtanum Youth Park.

AHTANUM YOUTH PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Soccer is the fastest growing sport in the Yakima Valley. The City of Union Gap partners with two local youth sporting clubs to make sure kids in the valley have access to healthy outdoor activities like soccer.

Parking fees help pay for improvements to the Ahtanum Youth Park but fees are only required of non-residents. Union Gap residents always park free at the Ahtanum Youth Park with a free resident parking pass available at city hall. Please stop by city hall during regular business hours (7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday) to pick up your free parking pass then enjoy a visit to the Ahtanum Youth Park whenever you choose.

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 City Hall
 248.0432

 Fire
 452.6706

 Legal
 225.3522

 Park Reservations
 248.0432

 Treasurer / Clerk
 248.0432

 Utilities (Water, Sewer, Garbage)
 248.0434

3106 FIRST STREET

 Building / Planning
 575.3638

 Code Enforcement
 575.3638

 Public Works
 225.3524

1800 RAINIER PLACE

 Animal Control
 248.0430

 Crime Prevention
 457.5927

 Police
 248.0430

1000 AHTANUM ROAD

Senior Center 248.2668

TOURISM & TRANSIT

 Tourism Promoter
 480.7636

 Union Gap Transit
 574.8000

 Union Gap Transit TTY
 574.6926

http://www.cityofuniongap.com

MAYOR & COUNCIL

Council Members

Position #1 Chad Lenz ~ 965.3364

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Position #4 Dave Butler ~ 452.8631

Position #5 Dave Matson ~ 453.3098

Position #6 James Murr ~ 823.4686

Mayor / Council Member

Position #7 Roger Wentz ~ 575.3799

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